

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7333–S7375

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1438–1443. **Page S7359**

Measures Passed:

Capitol Visitor Center Engraving: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center. **Page S7372**

Role of Slave Labor in Construction of U.S. Capitol: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 135, directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol. **Page S7372**

Judicial Survivors Protection Act: Senate passed S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors’ Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death. **Pages S7272–73**

Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7373–74**

Groves Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census. **Page S7336**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agree-

ment of Friday, July 10, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, there be one hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, with the time divided as follows: Senator Collins, Shelby, and Vitter with 15 minutes each, Senators Lieberman and Carper with 15 minutes equally divided; provided that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S7336**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raphael William Bostic, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Phyllis Corrine Borzi, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Charles H. Rivkin, of California, to be Ambassador to France, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco.

Nicole Lurie, of Maryland, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Assistant Secretary for